NOTICES OF ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

PRESIDENT : One of the five adjournment motions of which notice had been given yesterday was admitted and its discussion posted to Saturday next. The Chair has now to give its ruling in regard to the remaining adjournment motions. The first one is again from Mr. S. J. Nair. It reads

> "I beg leave to move the adjournment of the business of this Assembly to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, *viz*, the serious situation that has arisen to the financial stability of the people of the State in general and of the shareholders of the State-Aided Bank in particular in view of the recent order of the District Magistrate, Quilon, under Section 127 Cr. P. C., prohibiting the Board of Directors and the share-holders from convening or holding the meetings fixed for the 13th and 22nd June 1936 as a result of the mischievous and misguided propaganda of some of the pensioned officers in the State."

The matter therefore which is now sought to be brought under discussion on a motion for the adjournment of the House relates to the prohibitory order issued by the District Magistrate under Section 127 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. It therefore assumes the aspect of a judicial order. If the District Magistrate in the exercise of his powers under that Section has rather misused them or transgressed them or passed a wrong order, I take it that the same law which invested the District Magistrate with that power also provides a remedy. It is therefore quite obvious that, if any party was aggrieved by that order, he should have sought his remedy in a court of law. The House cannot therefore be rendered a forum for the purpose of discussing a judicial order passed by a District Magistrate. For that reason, I disallow that motion.

The next motion also is from Mr. S. J. Nair. It reads—

> "I beg leave to move the adjournment of the business of this Assembly to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, *viz.*, the serious situation that has arisen to the convenience of the people of the State as a result of the Gazette Notification to start in the beginning of the next Malabar year additional, unnecessary and vexatious subsidiary gates for the existing P. W. D. toll gates in the State".

Well, it can certainly be regarded as a matter of public importance. It may also be regarded as urgent and of recent occurrence. Viewed therefore from that standpoint, the Chair is prepared to hold that this adjournment motion is within the four corners of the rules relating to adjournment motions. It is now for the House to give or withhold its leave. Does any honourable member object to it ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I object.

PRESIDENT : Objection having been taken, as many honourable members as are in favour of the motion will please rise in their places.

(Fourteen members stood up in their places.)

PRESIDENT : The exact number of members prescribed by the rules having risen in their places, the motion will be admitted and its discussion will take place on Monday afternoon.

One motion for adjournment having been admitted, the ruling on the other motions for adjournment will be held over till to-morrow.

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